

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader, United States Senate
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader, House of Representatives
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The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader, United States Senate
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Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader McConnell, Leader Schumer, and Leader McCarthy,

As the House continues its response to the Coronavirus Pandemic, we believe it is critical to include significant investments to expand childcare for workers combating the coronavirus pandemic, including robust resources for the Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG). While schools around the country close to stem the spread of this virus, millions of Americans critical to responding, treating, and addressing this pandemic continue working. Millions more are required to ensure our communities remain safe and have the supplies they need. These men and women should not be unfairly penalized and have to worry about incurring additional costs while they continue their vital work; we must ensure their children are taken care of while this crisis continues.

CCDBG has long enjoyed bipartisan support as a commonsense investment in American families. Through CCDBG, the federal government has successfully worked with states to support local providers to ensure affordable, high-quality childcare is available to working parents and their children across the country for years. We owe it to the Americans fighting this virus on the front lines the peace of mind that their children are safe and cared for.

Accordingly, we urge significant increased funding to expand childcare and CCDBG specifically for workers combating the coronavirus pandemic and those providing critical services to our constituents across the country.

Sincerely,



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